

BOLIVIA

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In view of the 20th Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations Human Rights Council, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP), would like to communicate several points concerning the situation of the death penalty in Bolivia.

The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP) gathers 152 members: human rights organizations, professional associations and local authorities on the five continents who have united to campaign for the universal abolition of the death penalty. It was founded in 2002 in Rome. Its actions include the World Day Against the Death Penalty, a ratification campaign of the United Nations Protocol aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and a campaign for the implementation of the UNGA moratorium resolution.

Death penalty

1. Bolivia is an abolitionist country for all crimes according to the Bolivian Constitution (art. 15.1) of 2009. It was an abolitionist country for ordinary crimes since 1997 and had not carried out any executions since 1974.
2. Bolivia participated to the first cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council in February 2010. During its review, Bolivia stated that it had signed the Optional Protocol to the ICCPR and it would soon be signing the Second Optional Protocol. Bolivia supported the recommendations of Switzerland and Argentina for the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
3. Bolivia acceded to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on 12 July 2013. However, as of 13 March 2014, it has not ratified the Protocol to the American Convention for Human rights on the death penalty.
4. The WCADP thus congratulates Bolivia for the ratification of the OP2-ICCPR, and urges Bolivia to ratify the Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to abolish the death penalty.